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UB Senate Faces Vigorous Debate On CIA, Dow Ban

The barring of Dow Chemical Co. and Central Intelligence Agency recruiters from the State University of Buffalo campus is sure to cause a vigorous debate at a meeting of the UB Faculty Senate at 3:30 Monday afternoon in Norton Union.

The faculty senate will be asked for its view on the administration's decision to bar recruiters from the two organizations because anti-Vietnam war forces at the school threatened violence if they should appear.

The CIA and Dow, which manufactures napalm, have met with boycotts, picketing and opposition on campuses throughout the nation in recent weeks.

4 Approve Barring

Four faculty members today announced five resolutions which essentially approve of barring the recruiters, condemn the Vietnam war and ask that all future recruiters submit "to challenge and inquiry" by the university community before being allowed to work at UB.

The executive committee pro tem of the Faculty Senate Wednesday announced three resolutions of its own it would submit to the body as a whole.

They back the UB administration's decision to bar the recruiters at least temporarily, but also back the general right of recruiters to work on campus and condemn the threat of violence by students against recruiters.

"Not Educational Function"

The other resolutions announced today were prepared by Dr. George Hochfield and Dr. Taylor W. Stoehr, of the English department, Dr. John D. Milligan and Dr. Lewis C. Perry, history department.

One of their resolutions contends the barring of the Dow and CIA recruiters "has raised no substantial issue of academic freedom" because "recruitment is not an educational function of the university nor is it a right belonging to any of the parties involved."

The resolution says the senate should vote on whether it should be entirely discontinued on campus at UB. One of the other resolutions they propose condemns violence both by members of the university community "or from armed police called in to suppress a student demonstration."

Suggests Supervision

Another calls the Vietnam war "unjust and futile" and asks the senate to call for an end to it. Another calls for creation of a faculty-student committee to supervise the UB recruiting policy.

The executive committee resolution ask the senate to indicate it "supports the action" barring the recruiters pending consideration by the faculty and student body; support the principle that violence be punished by university and civil authorities, and support the principle of academic freedom on campus.

Specifically, the latter said the "maintenance of the opportunity for all legal groups to partake of recruiting on campus is in keeping with the responsibility of the university to its students and to society as is the freedom of the faculty and students to express in a peaceful manner opposition to the idea or actions of the recruiters."

Issue: "Academic Freedom"

The Faculty Senate's members may introduce other resolutions at the meeting on the issue. A press conference will follow, at which action taken will be announced.

The Rev. Paul N. Carnes, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, and active in the civil liberties movement, today said the issue at UB is academic freedom.

He contended the recruiters are part of an "orderly process which may be unpopular," but said students who oppose them by force or threat of force violate the tenets of academic freedom.

"I am disturbed by the fact that the use of force to arbitrate disputes is becoming increasingly characteristic in American life," he said.